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Governor Musgrove Announces \$1.5 Million in Community Development Block Grants

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced the awarding of more than \$1.5 million as part of four Community Development Block Grants. The funds will be utilized for public facilities improvements to promote and sustain business and industrial growth.

“During a national recession, we have remained committed to our economic development investments in the state,” said Musgrove. “These grants will play a strong role in the continued development of jobs and businesses for the people of Mississippi.”

The communities receiving grants include the City of Columbia, Economic Development Grant for \$650,000; Marion County, Economic Development Grant for \$520,160; Tishomingo County, Community Self-Help Grant for \$209,618; and Marshall County, Community Self-Help Grant for \$152,361.

Community Development Block Grants are issued through the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority.